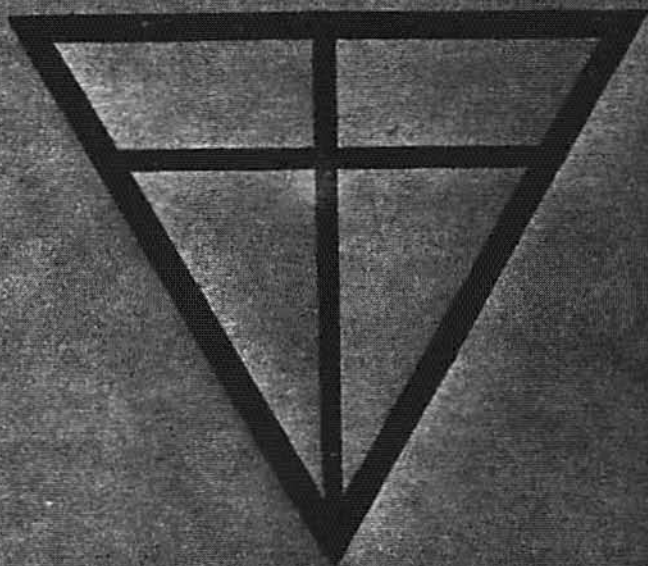


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IMPORTANT CHANGES

The Program of the Order for the Next Period of
Three Years includes Interesting and
Helpful Features.

The Emperor is about to announce many important changes and some new features in the work of the Order for the next cycle of three years. These changes and features are more vital to our progress than even the changes made in Fall of 1919. The official announcement will be made to all Lodges during September of this year after many of the Eastern Lodges have resumed work.

Some of these changes may be explained at this time so that members of the Order may be prepared for certain activities which must begin at the earliest possible moment. And, in presenting these changes at this time, we may safely anticipate the official announcement (which will also appear in our next issue of *The Triangle*) and explain what has occurred in our official circles to bring about the proposed changes.

The Emperor received an official warrant to be present at a special conference in an Eastern city in June with others assembled there, and at this conference he met those who represent the several fraternal organizations of importance in this country and elsewhere and also the secret heads of the Rosicrucian Order in Europe and other countries. Among those present was the venerable Master who initiated our Emperor into the Order in Europe in 1909.

The conference lasted a week, holding sessions in between other meetings and gatherings and during this time every phase of the work of AMORC was carefully analyzed, and at its conclusion the various changes, modification and additions were agreed upon as outlined herewith:

(1) A pleasing form of sponsorship of the work of AMORC in this country was volunteered by three, who spoke for and in authority of another venerable fraternal organization having much influence and knowledge at its disposal which it intends to release to our members through our Order—knowledge and power which it has not so generously released in the past.

(2) Certain affiliations and official relations were established between the AMORC and those representing another fraternal organization which will for all time settle one point of argument and questioning, and give to AMORC a companionship very agreeable to certain members of its Order who have desired this very pleasant inspiration.

(3) Foreign relationships were further strengthened and augmented, and the affiliation of AMORC in America with foreign branches of the Rosacrucian Order were approved and officially sanctioned.

(4) Plans were discussed, partly evolved, and approved, for the immediate addition to our teachings and expositions of certain principles, laws and higher lectures which were being held in abeyance pending official release.

These additional teachings and higher lessons will be added to our work in the following manner:

(a) Those now in the Ninth Degree beyond the fifteenth lecture or in higher degrees will receive the lectures and lessons never released in this country be-

fore. Such lectures will be given in due form at regular Lodge convocations of the Ninth Degree as heretofore.

(b) The lectures below the Ninth Degree will be gradually added to or altered so as to include many new principles and helpful exercises.

(c) The National Lodge of our Order, a separate and distinct body of members not affiliated with any of the other Lodges of AMORC, will have an additional, or Fourth Degree, to be called the *Postulant's Grade*, which will cover a preparatory course of work and teachings leading to induction into the higher work of our Order.

(d) The *Universitatis Illuminati* is to issue its courses of lessons and lectures to those members who have attained the Tenth Degree or who may attain it through special helps to be given in the new lectures of the Ninth Degree. This University has Twelve Degrees to its system and it is needless to say that it has no connection with any other school of Illuminati except the Rosacrucian. Those who take up its work in classes meeting one night each week in each Lodge or special group will prepare for definite University Degrees, such as Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Psychology, Doctor of Science, Master of Science, Doctor of Theology, Doctor of Ontology, etc. The students of these courses will be given the benefits of the instruction of various other schools allied with the Rosacrucian Brotherhood throughout the world and will be in correspondence with Masters and students of their chosen subject in other lands.

(e) At conferences held in San Francisco after those in the East had closed, the high representatives of two other organizations met and completed some of the plans outlined in the East. This brought about further assurances of agreements of affiliation and co-operation on the part of those who have for some time worked with us through a large percentage of members who were affiliated with both organizations.

(f) Further instructions from India brought about the affiliation of the Indian Rosacrucian Monastic Order in America, which provides an opportunity for our members in and above the Seventh Degree to become members of the Monastic fraternity and participate in their teachings, practices and methods of meditation and spiritual attainment. And this same opportunity will be presented to those of the National Lodge who complete the *Postulant's Grade* (the new fourth degree of that Lodge).

(g) By arrangements with the supreme outer head of the long established Order of the *White Cross*, the only occult school having a right to use the symbol of the White Cross, the O. W. C. has dissolved its executive organization and reorganized as an affiliation of the AMORC. Its teachings, covering in detail certain subjects not adequately presented by any other school, will be open to members of the AMORC who are in, or above, the Seventh Degree of our Order. The supreme Esoteric Head of the O. W. C. is now in San Francisco associated with the executive staff at headquarters. O. W. C. members throughout America and in foreign lands who will receive a copy

couver. One of the officers from the Canadian jurisdiction with his family tarried with us at Headquarters for several weeks. And now we miss J. B. C. and family and wish more Canadians would call to see us.

Reports of progress and growth have also been received from officers of our work at: Stockton, Atascadero and Guerneville, California; Newcastle and York, Pennsylvania; Portland, Redmond and Medford, Ore.; Green Bay, Superior and Madison, Wisconsin; the Rosacruzian settlement at Weston, Wyoming; Lethbridge, Atla, Canada; Wichita, Kansas.

Will the Secretaries in the many other localities please send us reports containing interesting facts as soon as possible for our next issue? The usual reports sent to the Secretary and Archivist containing only the monthly statements and figures are not interesting enough for this column of *The Triangle*, although they serve the Archivist well. We want real newsy facts.

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FOREIGN ACTIVITIES

The work of the Order in foreign countries is evidently progressing and increasing as rapidly as in the North American Jurisdiction. May we suggest to those foreign branches which receive a copy of *The Triangle* that we would appreciate more detailed reports than the casual references contained in the letters of felicitation and co-operation which are sent to the Imperator of this Jurisdiction. Such reports should be addressed to the Minister of Foreign Relations, care of AMORC, 1255 Market St., San Francisco, California, U. S. A.

We thoroughly appreciate the receipt from time to time of pamphlets and booklets, magazines and books issued by the foreign jurisdictions of the Order. Some of these have proved very interesting and all have been helpful. We will be glad to exchange literature with all AMORC Lodges in all countries.

One of the interesting pamphlets sent to us, and to many of our Grand Lodges in North America, was one printed and issued by the AMORC Ashrama in Southern India and printed at the AMORC Academy in India under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of AMORC in the Madras Presidency. This pamphlet is entitled: "A Universal Prayer. The title bears the following: "Dedicated with Blessings of Peace, Oneness and Divinity, for the welfare of the Brothers and Sisters of the Great Brotherhood of the A. M. O. R. C. of America and of every part of the world. With the kind permission and sympathy of Brother H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., the Most Worshipful Imperator in the United States of America, etc., etc." The author of the Prayer is H. . . H. . . O., beloved by so many in America who have been in correspondence with the Officers at our Indian Ashrama.

Speaking of the Ashrama, one of our high degree members in touring the world tarried with us in San Francisco after leaving New York and from here went directly to India and after long and tedious travelling reached the hidden and secluded estate of the Indian Ashrama. Letters that came from the member indicated that not half of the beautiful story of the Ashrama has been told to our high degree members and after visiting the Ashrama for many weeks, participating in the daily period of meditation, special exercises and instruction, resting in the Temple rooms, going into the silence in the adjoining caves and coming under the influence of the many who are studying at the Ashrama, a book was written setting forth what really exists at the Ashrama, and this book will be published and distributed freely among our members. At present our Delegate to the Ashrama is in Europe visiting other Lodges, the last report coming from the Lodge in Copenhagen.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of India, Temple Iasc-amorc, is continuing to prepare and put into official form many of the ancient teachings so that they may be used in the work of the various jurisdictions, including America. Their references to manuscripts being prepared, others being consulted or translated, and so on, indicate that they have a veritable storehouse of ancient wisdom and that our

members in America will benefit through this work this coming Fall and Winter.

We may have some official announcements regarding the Academic work in India and the work of the Monastic Order of the R. C. in India next month.

From the Grand Secretary of the Order in Great Britain we learn that the work in that jurisdiction is continuing and that another charter is to be issued for a London Lodge. Many of the members in Great Britain have been in correspondence with our Headquarters here and the interest and enthusiasm displayed has been pleasing, indeed. It appears from the records exchanged that the British Jurisdiction has the largest membership of any in Europe.

The Grand Lodge at Copenhagen has continued to grow and has done some very fine propaganda work if we are to judge from specimens of literature sent to us issued by them. Occasional letters from some members there to relatives or members in America indicate that many of the highest rank in the government as well as many in the professions are officers and members of the AMORC in Denmark.

A letter from some Rosicrucians in Holland received at headquarters here in June indicates that the Jurisdiction of Holland will affiliate with us in the Fall. We shall be glad to announce the details in our next issue.

While China is passing through its various stages of revolution and evolution we are glad to note that our Order there is progressing and increasing very rapidly. From a report sent by Grand Master Ah Soh Wong, hundreds of educated Chinese are becoming interested in the work in various parts of the country; and from reports from the three cities where members are organized we see that there will soon be a chain of active Lodges again in China as in the past. One of our members who went to Manchuria some time ago to assist them in the work sends us very glowing reports of what is being accomplished, and he is also in touch with those in Siberia who are enthusiastic about the work also. Letters from some members in China who have reached a high grade in the work show that the Chinese mind comprehends the principles in just the same fineness of point as do those who have the Occidental mind. We mean to say that the Occidental and Oriental minds can agree in these fundamental principles and practises.

It may be a big jump to take, but right here we wish to refer to the fine work being done by the members of the AMORC Lodge on the Gold Coast of West Africa. This ancient centre of R. C. activities is once again in flower and the letters coming from Officers or members indicate that many of the ancient practises are followed along with the modern methods.

A report of Athens, Greece, indicates increased interest and activity and a request has come from there asking our assistance in many matters of interest to the members.

In Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, the membership is increasing and new Lodges are being formed in several cities.

Many members are reported in Onitsha, Nigeria, Africa. There seems to be some propaganda going on in that territory, the details of which we would like to learn. Please report!

From Vienna, Austria, comes the report of new interest and applicants for membership. And we have recently received several letters from the Grand Master at Munich, the Master who holds many of the ancient documents and papers descending from the early Rosicrucians of that country, stating that the Order there and in Germany is being increased and made active in many cities and towns. The kindest wishes and regards are sent by the Grand Master at Munich to the members in America.

Several letters have been received from Officers and members in Cairo, Egypt and we have learned some interesting details of the excavations there through these reports. It is needless to say that the members there are enthusiastic about the AMORC work.

The Grand Lodge of AMORC at Sourabaya, Java, East Indies, reports increased membership, advancement in the building of their Temple on the acquired grounds and progress in the work of the highest degrees. They have carried on some propaganda work that is novel and interesting.

Several of our American members are visiting in France this year and report meeting with members and attending special sessions and we will expect their personal reports next month.

Reports come from at least seven places in South America where members meet, and the country of Brazil seems to be the stronghold of our Order for that continent.

During the past six months reports have come from over twenty other foreign countries covering practically every point of the globe. Again we say to all the officers or Secretaries in foreign cities, we will be glad to have newsy items regarding your work to publish in these columns.

Never in the history of the Rosaecrucian Order was the work so spread over the surface of the earth as it is at present. In some parts the Great War made the work dormant for a time, but activity started again in 1919 and in the past four years has made unexpected progress. Constantly we hear these remarks, which should be well considered by many of our American members who are confronted with pleas on behalf of some so-called Oriental school of philosophy: "In our country we have had so many centres of study and so many cults and isms supposed to be of our native religion, that we have tired of the impractical and theoretical verbiage they give us as lessons. The AMORC teachings have proved to contain all that was good in all these ancient philosophies as we Orientals know them, and our Brothers and

Sisters in America should be thankful that they do not have to contend with the inane teachings of those who appoint themselves as Oriental teachers." We wonder how many in America appreciate these words from those who live right in the countries where many of these teachers and their teachings issue as water from a well.

With all our foreign connections, with branches in several parts of India and in other places where such teachings are supposed to come from, is it not logical to believe that we would have included in our teachings, or would include from time to time, all that is good and helpful in all the other philosophies in those countries? Has anyone ever found that the teachings of AMORC excluded any truths, any principles, any helps that were sound, practical and applicable to modern times? Of course there is much in many ancient schools of thought that is interesting and much that was once very helpful in the country and in the times when first given, but of no help today in the Occident. One need read only a few of the very old books by the early mystics to see how far we have advanced in such work and how useless is much that they considered very important at the time. Many of the ancient schools of Oriental thought need reviving today only because they passed out of existence through the evolution and advancement of man. Why revive them now? Our Academy in India states positively that there is no school or group of schools in the whole of India or the Orient that includes the high, helpful and easily mastered teachings now included in all the grades of AMORC. Is it not better to take the word of men like those living there and who know and have no ulterior motive, than to take the word of those who want to sell, at a large fee, the secret courses they have prepared and which they come to America to sell to the unknowing? Just a thought to think about!

WORK WELL DONE

Interesting Facts for all Members

Many have asked about the Constitution of our Order and when and how Amendments to it may be made, looking to some important changes which time and conditions have revealed.

We wish to explain that the first Constitution of the Order was roughly drafted and tentatively adopted in 1916 pending a National Convention of Delegates from all Lodges.

Such a Convention was held in Pittsburgh during the summer of 1917, and during the first few days of the Convention a Committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and bring it before the Convention for discussion and adoption by vote on each paragraph. The present Constitution is the one adopted at that time.

In selecting a Committee to revise the Constitution care was taken to select Masters and Officers of our various AMORC Lodges who were associated with other fraternal organizations so that we might have the benefit of their knowledge and experiences. For the benefit of those who have inquired we publish here the names and qualifications of those who composed the Constitution Committee at that Convention, most of whom are Grand Masters, Masters or Officers of AMORC Lodges today:

Dr. Charles D. Green, 32°, Park Lodge 676 F. & A. M., Pa., Randolph Chapter No. 35, Ind., Penna. Consistory Valley of Pittsburgh.
Charles H. Soelke, 32°, Old Glory Lodge 975 A. F. & A. M., Chicago Cicero Chapter R. A. M., Apollo Commandery No. 1 K. T., Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Chicago, Illinois.
Omar T. Cruickshank, M. D., M. E., F. T. S., F. O.; 32°, 15, F. A. M. A., Lafayette 652, F. & A. M., Cyrus Chapter No. 280 R. A. M., Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Chartiers Commandery No. 78, K. T., Penna. Consistory S. P. R. S.
L. A. Shoemaker, 32°, Hillsboro Lodge 25, A. F. & A. M., Tampa Consistory No. 1, Tampa, Florida.
Rev. George R. Chambers, Parian Lodge 321, A. F.

& A. M., Olivet Chapter No. 107 R. A. M., Mt. Zion Commandery No. 49 K. T., Past Grand Harlan Lodge No. 267, I. O. O. F., Iowa.

Walter E. Hatch, 32°, McCandless Lodge, F. & A. M., 390, Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh.

S. Lindsay Dorsey, Lexington Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., Lexington Chapter No. 1 R. A. M., Webb Commandery No. 2 K. T., Lexington, Ky.

Edward L. Bork, Past Master Jefferson Lodge, 288 F. & A. M., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Conrad H. Lindstedt, Past Master, Progressive Lodge 354 F. & A. M., New York.

Frederick C. Santaniello, 32°, Normal Lodge 523, F. & A. M., K. T., A. A. O. N. M. S., New York.

At the conclusion of their work and before the last session of the Convention, these men as Masters and Officers of AMORC Lodges for various lengths of time, signed a paper which was read in open session and then presented to the Imperator to be preserved in the Order's Archives. The statement in their own words thus signed is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, as members of the A. M. O. R. C. of North America, find nothing in the teachings or ritual of the above named Order which conflicts with the teachings or ritual of any other organization with which we are affiliated. However, we have received such information from the teachings of the above named Order which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, is only obtainable in the AMORC, and having knowledge of its uplifting character, its patriotic and humanitarian principles, we take this means of expressing our appreciation of the Order."

Thus, in its preparation, its careful revision, discussion by delegates and final adoption, the present Constitution represents the best thought and desires of men who from experience and intimate association with our Order and other organizations, were qualified to act as they did and to say what they said in the above paper.

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EDITORIAL

With this issue of The Triangle we enlarge its number of pages and widen its scope and purpose.

At the urgent demand of many of our members we will maintain certain departments or features embodying instruction for the students in the various grades of our Order; as, for instance, the Dictionary of Rosae Crucian Terms, which begins its serial publication in this issue.

From time to time helpful notes for the members, to be attached to their notebooks, and diagrams for the same purpose, will be published.

The presence of such matter in this publication will not prevent the dissemination of The Triangle among those who are not members but who may be interested in becoming members; for the insight they gain in this manner should encourage them to seek for more Light and at the same time tend to dispel some of the false impressions that many have regarding the practices and philosophy of our fraternity.

Therefore our members, and our readers generally, are urged to use The Triangle for conservative propaganda. Its convenient size and reasonable price assist in making it admirable for such purposes.

Hearty co-operation on the part of the appointed Librarian in each Lodge and the members thereof with the Department of Publication at Headquarters will make The Triangle in its enlarged form a permanent asset. The insistent call for more information through The Triangle during the past year should find its reaction now in the enthusiastic support and distribution of each issue.

Your comments, suggestions, contributions of instructive reading matter, and your donations toward the general publication fund (all to be sent to the Department of Publication at address given above), will be appreciated, applied, and made productive of much good.

Remember: Fraternalism means Co-operation!

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Can we not be happy and expressively joyful over the trend of the times? About us on every hand, in every element that is making for the advancement of civilization, on every path that leads to the ultimate goal, we see, we sense, we contact and are inspired with the broader view, the keener vision, the inner sight and the tolerant mind. Love is supplanting hate, jealousy, intolerance, enviousness and indifference are giving way to understanding, sympathy, charity and consideration.

In the affairs of State, in the perspective of the Churches, the activities of business and the consciousness of man, there is a manifest awakening to the call of human brotherhood and Divine Parenthood. Classes, creeds, sects and limiting differentiations are being abandoned or modifying their restrictions and making their domains more inclusive or all-embracing.

The mystic sees in all this the fulfilling of the Law; he discerns in the trend of the times the advancement and wider acceptance of those truths, those fundamentals, for the greater comprehension of which he has labored and served in the ranks of discipleship.

Our obligations, however, are increasing. We must labor not less, we must teach not less convincingly, and we must further our principles not less aggressively because of the great awakening; but we must become guardians and protectors, advisors and leaders as we have been pioneers and inspirers.

Our duty is clear, our impersonal reward surrounds us at all times, and all is for the Glory to God and the Good of Mankind.

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We agree with the statements published by H. Rider Haggard in an English newspaper that more reverence for the customs of the ancients and less indifference to the sacredness of things once held holy by masses of human minds and hearts should be shown by those conducting or permitting the excavations and researches in Egypt. If the element of time robs a nation, a people, of its rights to preserve the landmarks of its progress through the various stages of civilization, if time makes null and void all the sacredness attached to religious rites and customs, and if time alone will cast the privacy of person and property into the melting-pot of public ownership and indiscriminate confiscation—then we may look with horror upon the possibilities that await our present interests in the future.

We may or may not believe that dire disaster is sure to fall upon those who vandalize or commercialize the strange or different practices of a race of ancient peoples, but in truth disaster has befallen those who have rent the veil and profaned the sacred places of Egypt and other lands. The history of Oriental research is filled with incidents too consistent, too related and too certain to be classed as mere coincidents or superstitious banquets to feed the misunderstanding for weirdness. There may be, and undoubtedly is, a law in operation—a law that is the reflex of the consciousness established by the minds of the people of the past.

Things are made sacred not by any intrinsic quality, but by the association of the things with the consciousness of God and man. A thing or place set apart as sacred, endowed by man with all the adoration, worship and reverence he is capable of expressing in his state of development, is truly as sacred as that which is touched independently by the Divine Hand; for, after all, the Divine Hand, like unto the Divine Mind, expresses itself through the consciousness of man, and regardless of the state of man's development in worldly affairs, the primitive, natural and ever-present Divinity of Consciousness is as true, as real and holy in the past as in the present.

The progress of science, the advancement of civilization, the illumination of the mind, requires that the past be examined and compared with the present; but such researches can be made with due respect, with care and consideration, aye, with holy attitude, with prayer and humble spirit, when our steps lead us into such sacred places as the Shrines, Temples and Tombs of an ancient race.

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When we stop thinking of a League of Nations and World Court and think in the terms of indivisibility and unity, we will come nearer to establishing a League of Mankind.

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If Henry Ford, the richest man in the world, cannot bring about his election as President of the United States we will have an excellent demonstration of the fact that money has not all the power attributed to it.

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DICTIONARY OF ROSAECRUCIAN TERMS

(Note: The following definitions are officially issued for use in the preparation of all papers, lessons and discussions. Masters are advised to keep a copy of these terms for handy reference while conducting lectures or discussions or in answering questions. A copy should be in the Master's hands at each lecture of any grade. Members are urged to paste these terms in their note-books and use them in their examination papers for reference and for the proper comprehension of their lessons and notes. Further installments of the Dictionary will appear in our next issues. The Dictionary will contain diagrams and charts at its conclusion.)

A

Absolute—That which includes all, hence, the Consciousness of God, perfect, complete, embracing every Divine Law, working in harmony, constructive, positive. Compare with the term relative.

Actual—That which comes within the positive domain of the objective and is in conformity with the standards of the objective senses, having weight, breadth, length, bulk, etc. Any phenomena which the objective mind accepts as sensible to it, is actual, whether it be a delusion (mental creation of the objective mind) or not. Actualities need not be realities; see the term reality.

Alden—(pronounced Awd-den) sometimes spelled Ahldain, A'dain; the name of a former Master of the Great White Brotherhood who was given jurisdiction over the establishment of mystical centres on the North American Continent during the tenth century, and after whom the first Temple in this country was named in 1603. His personality still affects much of the work in this country.

Amen—A Hebrew word introduced into the Egyptian mystic rites at an early date as a term used to express the hidden and invisible God, or a truly inspired representative of God. In this latter sense the term is used in the Christian Bible just once, in Rev. iii, 14, Jesus is called "The Amen." But at a much earlier date the same word with the same mystic vowel sounds, was used to designate the name of the God of Thebes, and the term Amen-Ra came to express the name and hierarchy of a powerful God among the Egyptians. Amen-hotep IV changed his name to Khuen-Aten because of the significance of the term Amen. As used in modern religious practises, the term Amen means verily. The origin of the word is found in the Sanskrit Aum and also in Om.

Arcane—That which is not hidden, but visible only to those who attune to it or are ready for its revelation; mystical, Divine, Cosmic.

Astrology—An ancient science based upon close observance of the coincidence of human characteristics with the date and hour of birth; time and careful analysis have proved the coincidences to be based upon fundamental laws regardless of whether the planets have any effect upon birth or upon the nature of man after birth. Only the fanatical extremist makes—or believes—the claim that we are ruled by planets; at the utmost, planetary influences can inspire and urge or tempt; the influences may indicate, but not control. All mystics should have a knowledge of the fundamentals of this old and evolving science.

Astral Plane—The Cosmic, etherial, Divine plane. Rosaecrucians recognize but two planes of existence; that which is the worldly or material plane where we live in both objective and subjective consciousness, and another plane which is beyond the material—call that other plane the Astral, Psychic, Cosmic or whatever best expresses your idea; it is that plane where the Soul of man functions free from the limitations of the body and where the subjective mind of man functions at times independent of the objective.

Aten—A name for the symbol of the "sole God" made understandable by Amenhotep IV. after he established a monotheistic religion in Egypt. Aten was represented by the sun disc; the sun being the symbol of the life-giving radiance of the invisible God. Not as a God or even as a sacred symbol is the sun disc used by modern Rosaecrucians, but as objective symbol of the creative mind and Divine Essence of God.

Atlantis—The name of the continent once occupying a considerable portion of the space occupied now by the Atlantic Ocean. Atlantis was well advanced in civilization in parts and was the ancient home of mystic culture. Mt. Pico, which still rises above the ocean among the group of Azore Islands, was a sacred mountain for mystic initiation (See ritual of 4th Degree). The story of the lost Atlantis was first told by Plato; another story of mystic peoples using the name Atlantic is told by Sir Francis Bacon (See: The New Atlantis.) Recent investigations by France and America have proved that there is the contour of a continent at the floor of the Atlantic Ocean. See also The Lost Atlantis, by Ignatius Donnelly.

Atom—The smallest division of any definite nature of matter: the first distinctive character that electrons form after perfect unity. Divisions of matter smaller than atoms are electrons (see electrons) and such smaller divisions have no characteristic nature. Atoms form themselves into groups called molecules. (Refer to Dalton's Atomic Laws in our degree lectures and in several issues of the American Rosae Crucia.)

Aura—That magnetic or electrified field which surrounds the animal body particularly and which contains colors due to the vibratory rate of the energy in the field. The energy is a result of the psychic development and the vital forces of the body. The aura changes color as psychic development proceeds reaching a brilliant violet and then pure white in the highest states. The aura is visible under many conditions and has been photographed, and will affect certain instruments balanced to receptivity. Every living cell has its aura as well as groups of cells.

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Belief—Considered from the mystical point of view belief implies lack of knowledge: it is like unto hope without foundation. A mystic should have no beliefs but should supplant them with knowledge or a frank admittance that he does not know. (See Knowledge.)

Birth—Mystically, birth occurs when the animal body takes its first Breath of Life. Then the body becomes a conscious being. Birth is the opposite phase of the passing of The Breath (and consciousness) which is called death. (See Death.)

Black Magic—A term used anciently to indicate mysterious practises or secret methods—methods and practises which today we understand and know to have been strictly scientific though little known. Today, however, the term is used in some philosophies and by some ignorant minds (and sometimes used wilfully to frighten) and is meant to convey the idea that one mind can call into play certain forces of nature to work injury upon another mind or body at a distance. It is assumed that the cosmic space existing between two minds or persons can be utilized by one of them to transmit evil and destructive thoughts to the other. In fact, however, the cosmic space will not transmit such destructive thoughts and the person who tries to direct them into space suffers from the attempt and from the creation of such thoughts which remain in the consciousness. The only power there is to Black Magic for others is the fear of it.

Brain—The physical organ for the objective functioning of the mind. Mind can, however, make many manifestations without the use of the brain.

Breath of Life—In Rosaeurucian teachings this term is used to refer to *Nous*. It is a combination, so to speak, of both the Vital Life Force and Cosmic Consciousness. (See *Nous* and V. L. F.)

Borderline State—This term is used to designate that mental and psychic condition where the objective consciousness and objective mental functioning of man is merging into the subjective. This state can be induced through concentration, or occurs naturally on going to sleep or when awakening, or through suggestion it may be externally induced (but not without the co-operation or willingness of the self). A similar state exists where the objective mind or the objective functioning of the brain is made abnormal through drug, fever, or injury, fright or strain; in such cases, however, the benefits derived from a proper borderline state are lost, for there is not an intelligent and comprehensible exchange of ideas or communication between the objective and subjective faculties. Often just prior to so-called death, the first stage of transition is a borderline state which is remarkable for its Cosmic touch.

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Cell—Where this term is used in the Rosaeurucian teachings, regardless of whether in connection with physiology, physics, chemistry or electricity and magnetism, it means a body of spherical or other shape having a wall with negative polarity and a nucleus of positive polarity.

Concentration—A mental (and physical) state where the whole objective attention and comprehension is focused upon one definite or indefinite point, place, condition or principle. Perfect concentration of this kind results in complete inactivity of four of the five objective faculties at one time. When concentrated upon seeing, then seeing must be the only faculty not inactive, when hearing, then all but hearing must be inactive. It is impossible to completely concentrate when two or more of the faculties are active at the same time. Two faculties such as seeing and hearing, may rapidly alternate in their concentration so that it may seem as though both were concentrated at one time, but this is not so. We can be conscious of only one objective impression at one time. All else is rapid alternation. (See *Borderline State*).

Conception—In our Rosaeurucian teachings we are told that our concept of anything which we comprehend through the five objective faculties, depends for its accuracy, and its effect on us, upon our education, knowledge and beliefs. Our concept of material things change as we grow older, more experienced and more illuminated. Not the actuality of any thing but our reality of it and our interpretation of it form our concept. By conceiving and giving our conception the power and reality of an actuality do we tend to create. In the beginning of all creation there was—and always will be—conception. (See *Reality, also Actuality*).

Cosmic Consciousness—That consciousness radiating from God which pervades all space (and hence all things), having vitality, mind, constructive power, Divine Intelligence. Into this consciousness is projected all the psychic consciousness of all Masters, and all Adepts may attune with it. It knows all, past, present and future, for it is all. (See *Absolute*). After preparation through study and meditation, after deserving through serving, after attuning through practise and with nobility of desire, there comes to all Adepts an influx of illumination and inspiration which maintains a continued connection with Cosmic Consciousness. This is called *Illumination* by the Mystics. This is one of the gifts desired by all Adepts.

Cosmic Mind—Referring more specifically to the mind or intelligence that forms a part of the Cosmic Consciousness. It is also called the *Divine Mind*. Compare with *Universal Mind*.

Conscience—The term in our ritual and teachings to indicate the "still small voice" of the Master Within; the Cosmic Mind with its inspiration and urge; the Mind of the Psychic Self, knowing all truth, all law, all principle, ever constructive in desire, dependable, "ever present when the tempter tempts."

Cremation—Mystically this is a process of reducing the material elements of the body to the primary elements through fire, as though an alchemical process was being used with crucible and fire. It carries out the ancient law that the body shall return to the dust of the earth from whence it came. Cremation simply hastens the natural process in a most sanitary way. The custom of burying the dead in the ground to decay was always considered a barbarous and unclean practise by the ancient mystics, and cremation is not a modern method and will in time become universal among civilized peoples. The Rosaeurucian burial service and ritual call for cremation of the body and the scattering of most of the ashes upon running water in brooks or rivers or in opened soil within seven days after transition. (See *Death and Funeral Service*).

Cycle—A period of time, evolution, process, method or manifestation. Mystically, every progressive action is in cycles, definite and important. The cycle of human life is divided into periods of seven years, each of which is a cycle in the growth and development of the mind and body of the being; even the prenatal period is divided into cycles. The evolution of the universe, the evolution of man from a primitive being to the present can be divided into cycles. The twenty-four hours constituting a day is divisible into planetary cycles. The consciousness of man is at present in the early part of the Aquarian Cycle. Cycles form an easily understandable and significant method of measuring time and progress.

Death—The mystic not only looks upon death as inevitable, but as a necessary element in the cycle of life. Death and Birth are synonymous in this sense, for so-called death is birth into another plane, while birth is likewise a transition. The transition of soul into a body is considered just as strange and fraught with unknown possibilities by the mystic as is the transition of soul from a body. Both constitute the Great Experience. Both are a form of Initiation affording an opportunity for greater advancement. Therefore both are looked forward to by the soul without grief or fear. On the other hand there is no death whether we consider the transition from a material or spiritual viewpoint. Matter is indestructible; that is a fundamental law of matter; it can only change its form of nature of manifestation, and matter is in constant change—another fundamental law. The soul is immortal and cannot be destroyed, lessened, increased or otherwise modified except in growth of experience. After transition the material part of man, the body, does not cease to live, but is in fact still vibrant with spirit energy, even to the most minute cell. Hence neither body or soul ever dies, and there is no death. (See *Birth and Cremation*).

Deduction—A process of reasoning. The objective mind can reason by all processes, inductively, deductively, syllogistically, etc. The Subjective Mind on the other hand, tends to reason deductively all the time. Starting with a true and understandable premise or basic fact, reasoning by deduction therefrom one will come to a logical conclusion, if the deductive reasoning has been logical and in accordance with law. It is the excellent reasoning ability of the subjective mind that brings about the correct conclusions through its deductive reasoning. The Objective Mind seldom approaches the perfection of the Subjective Mind in such reasoning. Bringing about a *Borderline State* of Mind will enable one to take objective advantage of the Subjective reasoning.

Disease—A local or general disturbance of the harmonious constructive process of the living, creative

cells. Regardless of the cause, the condition is, fundamentally, the same. The disturbing, breaking-down process among the diseased cells is being strongly or weakly fought by the healthy normal cells, according to the general or constitutional state of the body. Through the creative, constructive powers of the healthy cells, nature attempts to end the destruction and renew the disease cells and restore health. The battle calls for concentration of energy and robs the general system of its normal status, while the disease is also disqualifying many cells, organs, tissues and parts of the body for normal, constructive work. Hence fevers, weakness, mental and physical disturbances and pains. The logical procedure is to help nature, mostly by not interfering and by ending the cause of the disturbance when it is known. Proper breathing, proper eating, proper exercise, sleep and thinking are the first essentials in helping nature and removing the cause or interference. Giving to the blood, the nerves and the general system that which was lacking (and caused the disturbance) or is now lacking in helping to restore normalcy, are the next essentials. Hence the various schools of therapeutics may assist and contribute to the restoration of health, but solely through assisting nature. While so-called death or transition is inevitable, disease is not necessary. The physical body can reach a state of age and exhaustion where the breaking-down process of cells and parts of the body is more rapid than the reconstruction, and as a principle of economy the soul will cast off or vacate the body and await another and more useful one; but such breaking-down and gradual weakening of the whole system need not be accompanied by any specific disease and can be free from any pain or suffering.

Dreams—Dreams always occur just as one is passing from the complete sleep state to a waking condition; this transition is a state where the subjective condition is gradually merging into the objective. (See Borderline State). Such a state is very short in duration, usually, and in the brief period of two or three seconds one may "dream" a long story of experience. This is because the experience is simply realized by the mind as one realizes a picture after a glance of two seconds, but must use hundreds of words and many minutes in explaining or describing. After one awakens one cannot be sure just when the dream was experienced, except in such cases as where the awaking interrupts the dream. The causes of dreams are many. The most common cause is that the first objective thought or idea that passes from the objective to the subjective mind at the beginning of the Borderline State, starts a train of deductive reasoning on the part of the subjective mind; or some long forgotten picture or idea lingering in the memory storehouse of the subjective mind is sensed by the objective mind at the beginning of the Borderline State, and the objective mind, not keenly and logically awake in its reasoning functioning, distorts or adds to and creates a story based on the first idea. Other causes are: external suggestions from cold air blowing over the face or partly uncovered body, slight noises not properly interpreted by the waking mind, a movement of the body as consciousness starts its return, a mental impression

received by the subjective mind from some other person who is concentrating upon the one who is at that time dreaming, and thereby consciously or unconsciously sends an impression. Of course, such Borderline States may occur at any time during sleep.

Ego—The Subjective Self as distinguished from the Objective Self. This term is not used often in Rosacrucian teachings for the term Psychic Self or Psychic Man expresses more correctly what is meant.

Electron—The first form into which spirit essence concentrates preparatory to material manifestation. The essence when stressed under certain conditions gathers into very minute magnetic cells which we call electrons. They are both positive and negative. Electrons do not manifest any definite chemical or material nature until they unite in certain combinations to form atoms. (See Atoms and Molecules). Single electrons are invisible, but streams of them may be seen and measured.

Electricity—Current electricity is a vibratory force in action; static electricity is a potential vibratory power inactive and under stress ready to manifest itself under certain conditions. These terms and definitions are not as one finds them explained in scientific works but will make plain the terms as we use them. Electricity is a vibratory energy: natural electricity is the result of the radiations of the sun (therefore one of the manifestations of spirit essence and Nous); all other electricity is artificially made through chemical or mechanical action.

Element—One of the many different natures expressed through combinations of electrons into atoms. There are 144 elements composing all material creation. Of these 81 are definitely known to science in perfect form; others are known through analysis of the vacant places in the periodic table of elements. Some can be sensed in a psychic manner only so far as their nature and purposes are concerned.

Elementals—Sometimes called Salamanders and other terms used by early philosophers and by some modern schools of strange thought. In this sense an elemental is supposed to be—"nature-spirit presiding over the elements of fire, air, etc." A superstitious belief exists that these elementals or beings can cause good or evil, or that they can fill a room and cause disturbances or manifestations, or influence our thinking, hearing and seeing. It is needless to say that there are no elementals in this sense.

Emanations—The radiations or projections from all material and psychic forms. The emanations are extensions of the vibrations within the form—the vibrations of the spirit essence composing the form. It is through the emanations reaching us from all things that we sense, either subjectively or objectively, the existence of all things.

Evolution—The progressive growth and perfecting of all that is manifest or in the conception of the Cosmic Mind. Even so-called devolution and disintegration is a part of evolution, as one of its phases. Evolution implies onward and forward. It is the fundamental law of nature and every element in nature is tending toward perfection and becoming higher in its rates of vibrations and more evolved in its manifestation.

The request for symbolical pins for members to wear has been so insistent again for the past year that we are considering several designs. The most appropriate is a small triangle containing the Rosey Cross. It will be very small and made in two forms; one with a pin on the back for the Sisters and one with a screw back for the Brothers to wear on the coat lapels. If the pins are made we will notify all Lodges and members during the Fall.

A revision of the method of receiving dues and fees is being worked out so that the whole matter will be on a more practical basis than in the past and a new form of Membership Card will be issued for the year 1924 and delivered to the Lodges in the Fall for immediate use. Members must give more attention to the matter of payment of dues. The present system has permitted members to be slow and indifferent in this regard, much to the consternation of many of the Lodge Treasurers and the Treasurer at Headquarters.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

The Radio Church of America has completed an entire year of consecutive Sunday services in the Bay region, including San Francisco and Oakland in California. The first sermon was, however, earlier than this from the Rockridge Station in Oakland, read by the broadcaster, but written by the Imperator.

It is particularly interesting to us as Rosacrucians to know that from the very first we had in mind not merely a broadcasted service and address, or a service broadcasted from a regular Church, but a Radio Church devoted entirely to Radio service with a service and address prepared week by week exclusively for this purpose.

This splendid field of opportunity for the dissemination of mystical truth for which the world is hungering and which the regular churches seem unable to give out to entire satisfaction, was given into the charge of the Supreme Grand Master, who brought to bear upon the matter all the wealth of his long experience in the ministry of the church, his liturgic knowledge, mystical understanding and radio interest. This resulted in a service that has demonstrated its usefulness and whose success is such that more than a thousand persons have expressed themselves as delighted and helped.

In this service we have a special section for those who are shut-ins, usually a poem of cheer, and also a fable for the boys and girls. We secure the very highest talent for the musical numbers and always use the familiar hymns selected as far as possible from an undenominational point of view. All the religious writings are used as selections of truth read in the service and every prayer is written carefully so as to be acceptable to all who pray at all. The undenominational aspect appeals to all sorts and conditions of people. A Salvation Army captain asking for a copy of one of the addresses, one of them being syndicated by the press, and others commended by theosophists and high churchmen and by many who never have attended church at all. In all this period not a single protest or objection to the subject matter of the address or service has been presented.

The number listening in has been estimated as from sixty to ninety thousand scattered over a large area of the country, and in one instance it was picked up in Tampa, Florida.

The Church was incorporated under the laws of the State of California April 14th, 1923, and is we believe the first Church to be organized upon an undenominational basis. There are organizations upon an undenominational and an inter-denominational and a multi-denominational basis, but they are necessarily essentially different. We quote from the Declaration preliminary to the by-laws of the Church.

"The Radio Church of America recognizes all Churches and all Religions, such as the United States of America recognizes as having right and privilege of establishment and existence under the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America.

"The Radio Church of America does not exist to take the place of any other Church, but to exist, under Radio conditions, for all other Churches in such a way as to avoid the exclusion of any other in Radio service. Primarily it exists for and in behalf of those who cannot and do not attend their own or any other place of worship.

"The understanding of Religion on the part of the Radio Church of America involves fundamentally and essentially three facts:

First: The fact of God

Second: The fact of Man

Third: The fact of relationship between God and Man, and Man and God. This relationship is Religion.

"Subsidiary to this understanding and as a part of it: Since this relationship is an universal one, it exists directly between all men and God, and every man and God; and since it is an invisible relationship

it exists in psychic or soul experience, with or without outer signs, symbols, ceremonies or organizations, solely upon the fact of being generically, mentally and physically a man."

The approved Order of Service which has been thoroughly tested and evolved in actual broadcasting is as follows:

Chimes.

Call to Worship.

Music. (An undenominational Hymn.)

Lord's Prayer.

Occasional Prayer.

Musical Selection. (Solo or Anthem.)

Poem, with introductory remarks, for the Shut-ins.

Musical Selection.

Mystical Address.

Musical Selection.

Fable for the Boys and Girls.

Music.

Announcements.

Affirmation or Benediction.

Chimes.

Here, then, is the Church of the Future, the Church of Man, and the Church of all Religions. To some it is very much of a surprise that we can meet the desires of all the sincerely religious. To others that we can keep up the interest in the addresses of a mystical and cosmological character. To others the intensity of the devotion in the service is most appealing.

Under the direction of the Masters we have gone forward week by week and have seen in the evolution manifested the solution of all the ecclesiastical problems ultimately. The Invisibility of the Sacraments, Psychic Ordination, Ontology instead of Theology (since this includes theology, science and all truth), the illimitability of the Church, its separation from commercial, political and other exclusive conditions—these are some of the things to which the Radio Church of America will make large contribution.

Now the particular purpose of this article is not information, interesting as that may be and is, but to call attention to the fact that in this matter our Beloved Order, today as always in the past, is a pioneer in those great movements which have made human history in its crucial and opportune periods. And to enlist the co-operation of all the Masters of Groups, and Lodges, that they secure in their own cities the opportunity to broadcast such a service from a near-by station. It will be found that there will be an eagerness to place the station in the service of such an endeavor, and once well started the difficulty will rather be in giving it up than in keeping it up. A good reader with a Radio voice and a devotional and tolerant spirit is all that is necessary, save for the music, which you will have no difficulty in securing locally.

We are in correspondence with other points who are taking up the matter and soon we expect to have the Radio Church of America very widely extended, so as to reach every corner of the land. The supreme office is prepared to furnish all that is necessary in the detail for the service (except the singing), including the Order of Service, Prayers, Readings, Addresses Fables, Calls to Worship and Affirmations, reaching each station week by week. But of course this arrangement must be made with or through the masters of the Order.

Think it over, and write to Headquarters. Here is perhaps the finest opportunity the Order will have through the several Groups and Lodges to bring the benevolent and truly tolerant and devotional character of our work to the attention of the general or at least the radio public. The thousands of mystics scattered over the country will know where to find a home, and the unfortunate shut-ins together with many who never go to Church will say, "Thank God for the Radio Church of America."

SCIENCE NOTES

By Dr. A. W. H.

Those who have found difficulty in accepting the theory of the evolution of man may find a more acceptable explanation in the theory of lineal parallelism.

It may seem strange that in these columns we should be so undecided as regards the two explanations that we are willing to permit our members to select either one. Seldom are we so indefinite or undecided regarding fundamental laws of nature. In this case, however, our members will discern that either of the two theories coincide with our knowledge of the true evolution of man, which evolution is of the consciousness of man rather than his physical body,—its form, organization and physical characteristics.

The Evolutionists claim that all animal life is descended or ascended from the same protoplasmic cell; the theory of lineal parallelism, on the other hand, maintains that life types have had separate beginnings. But even the latter theory admits that there was and is a "common creative source of the independently developed types of life," and it is that common source that we know of and which interests us more than the secondary details of the method of development of each type from that source.

Man is today the result of the evolution of his consciousness, not the result of his physical evolution. As Rosaeurians, as mystics, as students of nature's true laws, we must maintain that each stage of evolution in the development of man was preceded by a development in his consciousness of self, of surroundings and eventually of God or the Divinity in him. Therefore we can agree with the scientist that environment and its attendant changes, have had a considerable bearing upon man's evolution, but directly through its affect upon his consciousness.

In discussing the merits of the two theories one of America's great scientists used the following words which greatly please us. He is speaking of the evolutionists' theory that all forms of life have developed from one basic unit; he comments thusly: "Diversity is a universal physical fact. Uniformity is the silver thread, the cosmic verity which unfolds itself throughout all diversity. The grandeur of the universe is not enhanced by narrowing its manifesting possibilities at the source." Note what we have underscored. Physical diversity would not mean cosmic diversity. The common source referred to above and sensed by all scientists is truly a silver thread, a cosmic verity.

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The papers have been filled lately with items about spirit photographs and other spiritualistic or psychic matters due to the popularity of the lectures by Sir Conan Doyle. Many unusual psychic or occult demonstrations of the past two or three years have been republished or brought to light again to fill the columns of papers anxious to keep abreast of the times. One such incident which has been recently published in many Western papers, in some magazines and even in one of the recent books on psychic phenomena, is that which was reported in the official records of a California university. There is a Department of Psychical Research at the university and some of its officials were present at a test made in San Francisco to determine whether a thought could be projected upon a sealed photographic plate. The success of the experiment caused considerable newspaper comment at the time and led to the publishing of the photograph in many newspapers and magazines and eventually in the book by Hereward Carrington. The republishing of the incident at this late date inclines one to believe that the success of the experiment has not been equalled in clearness of picture, fairness of demonstration, exactness of test condition, number of witnesses, preclusion of fraud and manifestation of thought power. The photograph referred to shows a Christian Cross in white against a background of black; the Cross being a little uneven, irregular and

soft at its edges, but very definite in its centre and unmistakably impressed upon the plate by some means other than the common photographic method. The newly republished reprints of the whole demonstration mention all the names of the scientists and physicians present, give details of the preparation, tests, care to prevent fraud and otherwise explain the whole matter to great length. Only one fact was excluded from all but one newspaper report, and that was that this unusual demonstration, worthy of continued publicity and announcement for several years, was performed by the thought photographing ability of our Emperor in San Francisco.

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To those who wondered why any occult or even man-made law of the Egyptians should bring disaster to the interests or life of one who sought to excavate the ancient tombs in the name of science and knowledge, let us quote just one part of a letter by Mr. Charles Breasted, Egyptologist, son of Professor Breasted, head of the Department of Archaeology at the University of Chicago, and an author of the life and times of Amenhotep IV. He says: "Under the law the one conducting the excavations would receive half of the discoveries resulting from such excavations." When one thinks of what was found in the tombs of a material nature one may well reason as to whether the expedition was a scientific one or a commercial one.

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The characteristics of one's handwriting very often bear a relationship to the characteristics of one's nature. This has been claimed for centuries and the book-stalls are replete with cheap and expensive books on the delineation of character from handwriting. But it has remained for a man who has devoted his whole life to its study—in fact made the principles into a real science—to prepare a book that at once lifts the study out of the category of impractical pastimes to a serious and helpful art. I refer to none other than William Leslie French, one-time Professor in a university and a man of academic training and broad education. I have seen Dr. French at work in his study dictating three pages of close typewritten delineation of a character from a specimen of handwriting containing only ten or twelve words, and do this time and again with accuracy and astounding perception of detail. This was nineteen or twenty years ago when Dr. French could be reached in his little sanctum on Broadway, New York, only after passing through the attractive reception room with the playing fountain and beautiful palms. Since then he has travelled extensively, gathered together thousands of specimens of unusual handwriting, and demonstrated his art to hundreds of prominent persons who have cooperated with him in the preparation of this one great book, "The Psychology of Handwriting," published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York City.

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It appears from some recent examinations of the writings of Newton and others of his time that in certain passages not published because of lack of detail, that the Einstein theory was known to those other men and the fundamentals of the Einstein theory were well known long before Einstein was born. The claim is now made that Einstein appropriated the work of these other men and is, therefore, a humbug. I cannot agree with this contention. The fact that scientists have consistently ignored the fundamentals and that Einstein saw in them great truths and principles and evolved them into a system that throws considerable light upon mundane and cosmic phenomena, is sufficient to warrant all men in acknowledging a debt of gratitude and giving Einstein credit for his foresight, researches, labor and valuable contribution to science.

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Just where the popularity of radio will lead and what its place in our lives will be when it has ceased being toyed with by commercial profiteers, is hard to say. But it is a feature of our modern times that has

come to stay and is surely destined to have an important part in our educational and recreational interests. The broadcasting of music and voice is but one part of its eventual program. Pictures, moving and still, color effects, light, heat, power, energy of various natures, are other conditions to be broadcast via radio before many years and we are not speculating when we say that health-giving and germ-destroying vibrations will be radiated to places and persons from central institutions in the future as part of a Nation's care of its sick and disabled. All of the foregoing are constructive results; minds are at work evolving destructive uses for the principles of radio in times of war. Let us hold in our consciousness this one thought: that this wonderful means of radiating waves, while having the potential possibilities for destructive use, have an even greater potential power to prevent the desire or need or toleration for such destructive application. It can be used more and more liberally for the dissemination of knowledge, and through knowledge all that is destructive may be prevented. You cannot legislate or fight an undesirable thing out of existence—not even war—but you can educate it out of the consciousness of the people.

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I heard this from the lips of one of the most eminent scientists in America, speaking in behalf of one of the world's largest research institutions:

"In engaging eminent, or profound and unknown, scientists to work in the various departments of our institution there is one personal qualification that is pre-eminently the determining element as to the man's fitness for the work we are conducting. He must have a firm and steadfast conviction regarding the existence and omnipotence of God. He must have such faith in the Divine that he attends church, reads the Bible or at periods contemplates the greatness, goodness and wisdom of God as manifest in all nature. In other words, he must have more than a mere belief in God; he must be devotional. Unless a man is of that mind he cannot discern or discover, contemplate or realize, the great fundamental laws of nature. A man who is not devoted to the highest concept of man cannot be devoted to lesser concepts. A man who is prejudiced, biased or blinded in his concepts cannot find a place in our institution. I am happy to say that the men who have made the greatest strides in scientific research never lose sight of the Divinity of all."

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NOTES FOR MEMBERS

Be sure to cut out the Dictionary of Rosaeurucian Terms published in this issue and paste it in your Lodge notebook for future reference. If you do not want to mutilate this copy buy an extra copy. Even so, it is an economical way to secure and preserve such a helpful assistant as the Dictionary will prove to be.

It is generally conceded by members who reach the higher degrees that the lectures of the first three degrees are the most important in their bearing upon advancement to higher work. This is seldom realized by those passing through the lower degrees for the first time; it is always realized by those who find pleasure in reviewing the work of these degrees.

Those who are just entering or have completed the Fifth Degree work (now to be called the Fifth Grade) and have found interest and a new field of thought in the study of the philosophies, will be glad to know that because of the demand from our organization for more and more copies of the book during the past two years, the Cambridge University Press has brought out another issue of "A Sketch of Ancient Philosophy" by Joseph B. Mayor, M. A. Those of our members who cannot secure copies of this book through large publishing houses or booksellers in any city, may order them through the AMORC Headquarters at the regular price of \$1.75 per copy (plus six cents postage) or through any bookstore. It is a book worthy of a place in every mystic's library.

Have you ever stopped to realize that in our course of study from the entrance into the First Grade to the end of the Eighth Grade (where one begins the preliminaries for entrance into the Illuminati or University of our Order) there are exactly 126 weeks of study, not including the weeks of examinations, ceremonies, special convocations, special supplementary lectures, review weeks, etc. This means that to pass properly from the First to the Ninth Grade without summer-time vacations and without numerous holidays, requires practically three whole years of study. There is no other system or school of preparation for entrance into the High Order so complete and thorough as this, and it is equal to any Academic course preparatory for entrance to University privileges.

Many members have voluntarily delayed their entrance into the Ninth Grade by desiring to review the lower grades and being better prepared.

Members who have written to Headquarters so often asking advice about taking up some course or study in Astrology as an aid to their work and to become familiar with the workings of one of the oldest of all occult studies, are again advised in this general way so that others may read of it also, that a special Course for Home Study of Astrology was prepared by the official astrologer at Headquarters. Those interested may learn about this course by addressing a letter to brother Howard Breeding, 1255 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif., U. S. A. The course is divided into easy lessons, completely illustrated, and in personal manuscript form.

Let us remind our new members again that the so-called principles of Spiritualism are not included in any of the teachings of AMORC; nor are any of its practices encouraged or permitted.

The very many Theosophists in our various Lodges seem to be the most enthusiastic in their praise of our teachings and our work. We are glad of this for one reason other than the obvious one; it indicates that these members have found something which they had not found before. Their analysis of the "something" makes it appear to be practical instruction and the opportunity to serve humanity.

Will our members please keep in mind that we try to maintain a complete membership list at Headquarters. If any one in any city has moved or changed Post Office address during the past year, please send the change of address to the secretary and Archivist at Headquarters at once,—now, while you think of it. Very often the special messages we send out or personal letters we wish to answer are delayed, lost or returned because of wrong address.

We are happy to announce that the new Membership Certificates are about ready and will be sent to all Lodges early in the Fall and to all Groups or members away from Lodges before the end of the year. The attempt to have these Certificates printed in Latin, which was made last year, proved to be an expensive and sad failure and we soon found that members preferred to have them in English. And so the plates have been rearranged, the design altered and the new Certificates on Parchment paper will meet the popular demand.

All members who are in or above the Fourth Grade and who are in good standing are entitled to one of these Certificates. Hereafter they will be given to those Initiated into the Fourth Grade on the occasion of the Initiation ceremony as heretofore.

The Certificates have a beautiful symbolical design printed on the whole of the reverse side as well as some symbols on the front with the wording and member's name. It has been suggested that those who wish to frame them should use glass in the front and back of the frame so that both sides of the certificate can be shown. The size of the Parchment paper is eight and three-eighths inches by eleven inches. The Certificate will contain the date of the member's Initiation into the First and into the Fourth Grades as well as his or her name, Latin name, name of Master or Grand Master and name of Lodge and date of issuance of Certificate.